

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-11 (paragraph [0001] of the published application), which begins “This application is a continuation-in-part of....”

Please replace the Sequence Listing originally filed with this application (pages 43-148 of the published application), with a new Sequence Listing, which is being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Reply.

Please replace the paragraph at page 118, lines 8-15 (paragraph [0320] of the published application) with the following amended paragraph:

[0320] For example, a duplex comprising an antisense strand having the sequence CGAGAGGCGGACGGGACCG (SEQ ID NO: 405) and having a two-nucleobase overhang of deoxythymidine(dT) would have the following structure:

cgagaggcggacgggaccgTT	Antisense Strand ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 403</u> )
TTgctctccgctgccctggc	Complement ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 404</u> )

Please replace the paragraph at page 118, lines 16-22 (paragraph [0321] of the published application) with the following amended paragraph:

[0321] In another embodiment, a duplex comprising an antisense strand having the same sequence CGAGAGGCGGACGGGACCG may be prepared with blunt ends (no single stranded overhang) as shown:

cgagaggcggacgggaccg	Antisense Strand ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 405</u> )
gctctccgctgccctggc	Complement ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 406</u> )